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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicant brings the references listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the examiner's attention. 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Do not construe the filing of this information disclosure statement as a representation that applicant has made a search (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), or as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists. We enclose copies of the cited documents.

English Language Documents:

U.S. Patent No. 5,770,906; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,969,448

Foreign Language Documents:

Japanese Patent No. JP 11/275,807

We bring these foreign language documents to the examiner's attention with a concise explanation of the relevance of each document, as the individual designated in 37 C.F.R.

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§ 1.56(c) as most knowledgeable about the content of the information of each document presently understands it.

We request that the examiner show that he or she considered the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks, and that the examiner make the references of record as cited references in the application.

We enclose our check in the amount of \$180.00 for the filing fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, or application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, which may be required now or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 16-2230.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 25, 2002

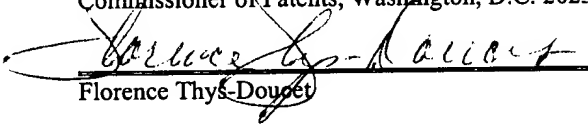


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**STATEMENT FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1/97(e)**

Sir:

This statement is being made for the Information Disclosure Statement accompanying this statement.

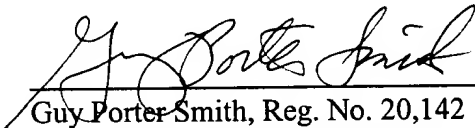
I, Guy Porter Smith, signing below state:

That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

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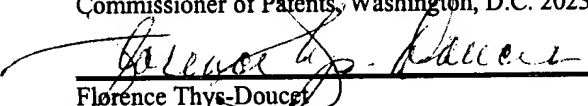
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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AFTER
MAILING DATE OF FINAL OFFICE ACTION BUT
BEFORE PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE**

Sir:

The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed after a final action under § 1.113 but before the payment of the issue fee.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d);

A. Accompanying this transmittal is a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).


B. Applicant hereby petitions for the consideration of the accompanying information disclosure statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2).

C. Applicant submits the petition fee set forth in § 1.17(i) (\$130.00)

We enclose our check in the amount of \$130.00 for the petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, or application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, which may be required now or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 16-2230.

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